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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants(s) : Thomas GRAF et al.
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Filed : January 29, 1999
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANUFACTURING FIBERS
Examiner : S. Choi
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 without prejudice as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method for manufacturing a fiber bundle having a length from a required number of unbound partial bundles having the same lengths, the method comprising:

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- (a) transporting a fiber bundle strand using at least one feed element;
 - (b) cutting the fiber bundle strand into unbound partial bundles, the unbound partial bundles having said length;
 - (c) releasing the unbound partial bundles from the at least one feed element;



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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment in response to the March 18, 2003 Office Action.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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